



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**6 CHUCKY'S RIDE** tries state-bred runners on the dirt after chasing the winner and finishing second in her special weight debut going five furlongs on the turf. Mark Casse, 20% with the surface switch, has Miguel Vasquez up. **1 SODA** is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after closing to finish a promising second in her five-furlong debut. Trainer Tareq Moubarak has Cipriano Gil managing the tough inside post. **4 SLEWTY PRINCESS** is stretching out after getting squeezed at the start in her 4 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Nolan Ramsey, 3 for 12 (33%) with maidens making their second start, has Edwin Gonzalez named as Miguel Vazquez sticks with the top choice.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-4**

## RACE 2:

**6 MITHRIL** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after showing speed and fading in her maiden special weight debut going around two turns on the Tapeta. Trainer Jose D'Angelo is 26% with similar class drops. **3 THREEDOTS ANDADASH** is dropping and returning to the all-weather surface after rough outing on the turf in which she was mired in traffic vs \$17,500 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth. Mark Casse has apprentice Yolber Torres managing the surface switch. **8 IT'S JUST A GAME** is hoping to find a little more firepower for the stretch drive after closing to finish third going a mile and seventy yards on the Tapeta.

**SELECTIONS: 6-3-8**

## RACE 3:

**6 FULMINATE** drops to the \$10,000 level after not showing her usual early interest when she bumped at the start and had to change running tactics and close to finish fifth on the turf vs \$20,000 state-bred optional claimers. Trainer Laura Cazares spots the hard-knocking mare perfectly. **5 MINXY** will try to make it two in a row after responding to the addition of blinkers with set the pace and hold on score at this level and distance on the Tapeta.

**8 MY LADY JAMES** will get some class relief after facing \$25,000 conditioned claimers in both starts since the claim by Dave Fawkes. Leading Jock Edgard Zayas gets the riding assignment.

**SELECTIONS: 6-5-8**

## RACE 4:

**5 JAMAICA REDD** drops to the \$12,500 level on the dirt after setting the pace and finishing third vs \$25,000 maidens going around two turns on the turf. Trainer Leon Minott adds second-time blinkers for the combo dropdown/surface switch. **7 SUNDAY SONG** stretches out after making a six-wide charge to finish third vs this level of competition going 5 ½ furlongs. The added distance can be the key to his success.

**1 BLAZING TYREEK** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the two-month freshening to finish a stalk the pace fifth behind Sunday Song. Leonel Reyes rides for Dan Hurtak.

**SELECTIONS: 5-7-1**

## RACE 5:

**6 SHESHIMAINTEANCE** drops to the \$12,500 level on the main track after facing tougher on the turf with inconsistent results. Jose D'Angelo, 25% with the surface switch, has Miguel Vasquez named to ride. **9 LADY PATRICK'S** daughter of St Patrick's Day makes her first start since winning her \$12,500 career debut going 6 ½ furlongs on the main track during April. Victor Barboza Jr, 21% with the layoff, has Jonathan Ocasio going for two in a row. **1 OUR LADY PEACE** drops and debuts on the dirt at seven furlongs after showing speed and finishing fourth vs \$17,500 claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Saffie has Edgard overseeing both the surface switch and the inside post.

**SELECTIONS: 6-9-1**

## RACE 6: THE SMILE SPRINT

**1 IMPLEMENTATION**, a Grade 3 stakes-placed son of Constitution, makes his first start since drawing clear to win the \$150,000 Army Mule here during March. Saffie, 22% with the layoff, has Edgard Zayas atop the classy six-year-old.

**5 SHAQ DIESEL** figures on the what have you done lately angle after putting it all together when he won the seven-furlong \$75,000 Big Drama in drawing away fashion last out. Trainer David Fawkes has Miguel Vazquez atop the son of Khozan. **2 EL PRINCIPITO** makes his stakes debut after breaking from the rail and drawing clear late to win a \$62,500 optional claimer at this six-furlong distance. Trainer Gerald Bennett has Jose Morelos named on the son of Accelerate, who is 6 for 7 in the money at the distance.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-2**

**RACE 7:**

**4 BOUNDFORTROUBLE** is sitting on a winning performance after returning from the layoff and recovering from a slow start to come within a length of defeating \$25,000 starter optional claimers at the distance. Jose D'Angelo has apprentice Yolber Torres in the saddle again. **9 SAINT CLOUD** looks like the one to fear on first blush but then you wonder why the maiden special weight winner in September would return from the lengthy layoff and drop in for a \$25,000 tag. The tote action should help answer the concerns.

**6 SNEAKY SNEAKY** is back where she drew clear to win by almost five lengths after stepping up off the claim by Laura Cazares and breaking slowly from the rail which proved to be her undoing in a \$20,000 state-bred optional claimer. Jose Morelos Rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-9-6**

**RACE 8:**

**8 BOLD LOOKER** was looking overmatched when he stepped up from a game \$12,500 performance and was beaten double-digit lengths in a mile and a sixteenth overnight handicap. The gelding is back where he is a major player. **4 LACE UP** moves to the Angel Rodriguez barn via the claim after drawing clear to win impressively at this level and distance. The barn, 24% with new claims, keeps the services of apprentice Luis Fuenmayor, who has been aboard for consecutive victories on the gelded son of the Big Beast.

**5 MAJOR KING** moves to the Antonio Sano barn via the claim after rallying to finish third behind repeat winner Lace Up last out. Edwin Gonzalez rides.

**SELECTIONS: 8-4-5**

**RACE 9:**

**4 COLDSTREAM** is making his first start since finishing second in a swiftly run \$25,000 conditioned claimer in April and received a hefty 83 Beyer for his effort. Saffie, 22% with the layoff, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

**6 MR. PEEKS** is looking to find a winning spot in the first race back from a 21-month layoff. Before going to the sidelines, the son of California Chrome faced stakes caliber competition with a modicum of success. Saffie has Edgard named to ride. **1 NOTHINGSUBTLE** – there was nothing subtle when the son of Echo Town broke awkwardly and deposited jockey Rajiv Maragh to the ground last out. Both are back trying to recreate the sharp win at this level and distance two starts back.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-1**

**RACE 10: THE SOLDIER'S DANCER**

**1 GRAND MO THE FIRST**, a perfect 2 for 2 on the Tapeta, albeit sprinting, will try to score around two turns on the all-weather surface after finishing third in a screw tightening return on the turf. The multiple grade stakes performer on turf and dirt classes up perfectly here.

**8 JUST A PHOTO**, who has been impressive in his two previous route races on the Tapeta, returns after rallying to finish second – beaten a half-length on the turf – in the \$75,000 Mr Steele. **4 RELAMPAGO VERDE** is debuting on the Tapeta after rallying to finish third on the main track in a \$70,000 overnight handicap going a mile and a sixteenth. Bobby Dibona, who took over the training last out, has Emisael Jaramillo managing the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 1-8-4**

**RACE 11:**

**5 SANTAL** is plunging to the \$8,000 level after following the \$17,500 maiden score with a stalk and fade outing vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta. Jose D'Angelo has apprentice Yolber Torres named to ride. **1 CULMINATE** drops and removes the blinkers hoping to use his speed to steal this race from on or with the pace. Carlos David is a strong 39% with the blinkers off angle.

**6 INSANITY IT SEEMS** is stepping up to face winners after the crazy good maiden score going five furlongs on the Tapeta. Trainer Carlos Narvaez is 25% winning consecutive races.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-6**

**BEST BET: RACE 10 – 1 GRAND MO THE FIRST**

**LONGSHOT: RACE 5 – 6 SHESHIMAINTEANCE**